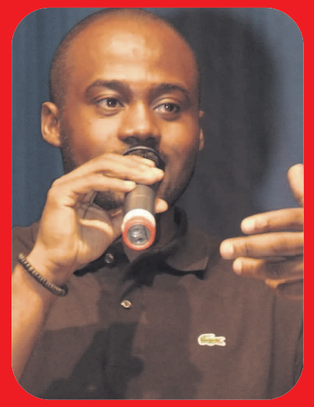
Building Wealth in a Spirit of Excellence

Minister Richard Rufus



Minister Richard started off by reading from Deutoronomy 8:18 and encouraging the young people to remember that God has given them the power to create wealth.

Wealth can include things that are seen and touched such as land, property, gold or silver and things that are not visible such as good relationships. He explained that God wants His people to be rich so that they can bless others, solve problems around them and help preach the gospel all over the world.

He also stated that, money tests people's faith and will show how close people are to God by way of their attitude when they become rich. He also encouraged them to celebrate when God blesses them with money as it is God's will for them to prosper.

Minister Rufus continued by saying wealth can be created through inspiration or ideas, hardwork and using these ideas. However, they must learn to spend less than what they earn, save, learn more about finances, invest the money for a few years so it can grow, not get into debts, seek and grasp any chances they get, balance and invest their money in different things.

He concluded by asking them all to look through their lives and begin to make real plans. He also encouraged them to focus, plan and prepare carefully.

In conclusion Minister Rufus encouraged everyone to dream big, have a plan and trust God to give them good success.

Childrens Church... God's Gift of Excellence...

Behold children are a heritage from the Lord...Psalm 127:3

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Joyful Noise

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Matthew **Ashimolowo** (HOST)

A WORD FROM OUR HOST

WELCOME TO THE FOURTH DAY OF THE INTERNATIONAL GATHERING OF CHAMPIONS. I AM SURE YOU WILL AGREE THAT WE ARE EXPERIENCING AN EXCEPTIONAL TIME IN HIS PRESENCE. I THANK GOD FOR HIS GOODNESS, MERCY AND LOVING KINDNESS IN BRINGING YOU THIS FAR IN YOUR JOURNEY OF EXCELLENCE. YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD, A CITY SET ON A HILL THAT CANNOT BE HIDDEN. THE WORD THAT IS NOW DWELLING IN YOU REQUIRES ACTIONS; SPEAK IN FAITH AND AS YOU CONTINUE TO BE BLESSED BY TODAY'S TEACHINGS, MAY YOU LEARN AND HEAR WHAT THE LORD IS SAYING, APPLYING WISDOM TO ALL THE ACTIONS THAT GOD WILL LEAD YOU TO TAKE.

Matthew Ashimolowo

Happy Anniversary

We rejoice with our dear Pastors Matthew and Yemisi Ashimolowo as they celebrate 29 years of Marital Excellence

TOMORROW'S AGENDA

Sunday Morning Service

10am to 12noon

Bible School Graduation

Dr. Creflo Dollar

The Buzz

Music Festival

6pm

The10 1/2 Commandments of Creativity

Pastor Ed Young

Pastor Ed Young opened with "God is the God of Creativity" and it was apparent that, as the Grace of God flowed from the pulpit to the congreation, this would be no ordinary message. He continued; the bible tells us in Genesis 1 of how God created the world. We are created in God's image and He wants every single one of us to be creative, for God is creative. We are all creative geniuses and need to use our creativity; "*you've got it, use it*"!

Going deeper, Pastor used the example of children; they are very creative, flowing with ideas. However, as we conitnue on life's journey, most of us have traded our creativity for different things and have stopped believing we are creative. We shouldn't let the world squeeze this out of us; Romans 12:1,2. So often we don't realise who we are and Whose we are. Creativity is stopping and starting. It is being 'predictably unpredeictable!' This doesn't mean being disorderly.

God is a God of order and creativity comes out of order. We need to be creative because God invented it, Jesus modelled it , the Holy spirit empowers and people need it. Moving on Pastor spoke about the 10 1/2 commandments of creativity:

Thou shalt be thyself
Remember the weekend and keep it Holy
Thou shalt sit at the table

Thou shalt create in community

Thou shalt steal; get ideas from others and make them your own. This doesn't mean copying word for word but taking their thoughts and ideas and creatively make them your own.

Thou shalt ask the hard questions

Thou shall hire 'yes' men and 'yes' women; You need people yielded to God, that encourage you. 'Yes' men and 'yes' women are those, who will stand by you through conflicts.

Thou shalt not listen to 'little' people

Thou shalt ride the fader waves; have time to relax and let the creative juices grow. Be predictably, unpredictable 10 1/2. Be generous financially with your people. Church is bruta-ful; brutal and beautiful so compensate-people generously. Concluding Pastor Young said the solution for us is to pray high risk prayers, work hard and maintain a vertical vision; Always look to God, He has all the answers.

Fill The Earth

Dr. Mensa Otabil

The KICC Ghana mass choir ushered in the presence of the Lord through their powerful praise and worship. Moments after, Dr. Mensa Otabil took to the altar and informed us that this would be a continuation on the teaching of Dominion Mandate, 'Fill the Earth!' he continued; when God commands us to fill the earth, not only does He expect us to take over the land and its geographical space, but to change and affect the culture and behaviour of its people.
Without filling the earth with fruit, ideas or concepts, we disobey God's mandate for our lives to affect the world.
As food for thought, the servant of God asked "What are you filling the earth with?"
Giving pointers about the processes involved, he said, you must EXTEND; this means your fruit must stretch beyond limits and travel to the ends of the earth. It must then CONTEND, fight opposition, as every fruit, product, concept or idea, fights, to make its impact in the world. If your fruit is not strong enough, it will die in the process. Whatever fruit, idea, product or concept God gives you, there are things that you will face!
Resistance and Strongholds; these are established systems both in the spiritual and physical that will always be in place to hold it back.
Kings, sovereign powers that are not systems. They rule by killing and conquering everything that rises against them. They will do anything to buy you out!
Giants- they intimidate warriors making you feel small and almost irrelevant. They are bullies causing you to abandon your idea.
Beasts- these mindless attackers, who are only after stealing your ideas. Be alert when dealing with such, so you can trail and expose them; Exodus 1:7-10.

All of these are obstacles that you have to deal with, to grow! However you must be aware of dangerous growth, this is the kind of growth that includes having a majority without authority, strategy or ammunition.
In conclusion He said, it is therefore vital that we multiply and replenish the earth, by knowing that we have authority and a strategic plan that must be used for growth.

The I AM Factor

Bishop Tudor Bismark

Exodus 3:13-15, Exodus 20:7
I've come to give you a Word, that will change your life declared Bishop Tudor Bismark. He delved into the message stating; Moses asked God what He was to say to the people when he went back to them, and God told him to say the I AM sent him. In Matthew 16:13, Jesus asks His disciples; "who do men say I AM"? He's asking and answering because He is 'I AM.'
Jesus calls Himself I AM in several other instances. John 6:35; Jesus says, I AM the 'bread of life', John 8:12; I AM the light of the world, John 10:9; I AM the door, John 10:11, I AM the good shepherd, John11:25; I AM the resurrection and the life, John 14:6; I AM the way the truth and the light, John 15:1; I AM the vine and you are the branches, Acts 9:5 Jesus tells Paul I AM Jesus whom you persecute, Revelation 1:10-20; I AM the Alpha and the Omega, Revelation 22:30; Jesus says again I AM the alpha and the omega, Revelation 22:16; I AM the root and offspring of David.

Anytime Jesus says I AM, he is about to do something . In Exodus 20:7, God says I AM is His name and He will not hold us guiltless when we use His name so when you say I AM; you become what follows. When you say IAM, things start changing in your life. You can come from a disadvantaged background but when you start saying I AM, all the things you declare start flowing towards you because that is God's name.
As you begin to say I AM, you must couple it with I AM NOT; I AM rich, I AM NOT poor, I AM blessed, 'I AM NOT cursed. Write a list of I AM declarations and speak them out everyday.
When Judas and the mob come to arrest Jesus In John 18, he tells them I AM HE, and they all fall backwards. In the same way, when you say I AM in the midst of trouble, all the negative spirits will fall back and leave you.
Bishop concluded by saying as you start declaring I AM in your life, nothing can stop you. You will receive everything you call forth by saying "I AM" as nothing can stop God's word from coming forth to your life.

IT'S JUST A TRIAL

Bishop Noel Jones

The Bishop began his message by firstly acknowledging and honouring good leadership in the lives of the hosts Pastor Matthew and Yemisi Ashimolowo. He further admonished the congregation to do the same. He continued, talking about the struggles and the trials that we face in our Christian life. Many times when we don't experience what we expect there's a rift in us that destabilizes the mind and our attitude.
Jesus, he said; has been marketed in such a way that we won't face trials but there has to be a wholeness and balance in the gospel of Christ. He quoted from Romans 5:1-5 and James 1:2; saying, we are justified by faith and we have peace with God, this is as a result of the work of Jesus Christ on Calvary through the operation of the Holy Spirit. However having the peace *of* God is different, this one is a process that comes through the sanctification of the Holy Spirit. James said to count it all joy when you fall into diverse temptations, do we have the resilience to understand that when God is not working on our circumstances, He is working on us and also do we have the capacity to praise God when facing trials?
James, he continued; brings the relationship between tribulations and the Christian walk. Temptations come from all walks of life, we don't bring it on ourselves, it just comes upon us in the course of living, it is something that influences us internally but God manipulates our environment in order to bring us to a place of solidarity. This is a process and we don't get there overnight! We must not let the trials and tribulations destabilise our walk with God, it must not change the climate of our spirit, we can face it and still maintain continuity because of our relationship with God. Trials must be approached with joy because it leads to patience and without patience we are not complete, everyone has to wait for something, there is always time between sowing and harvest, between an anointing and an appointing, patience becomes a test of your faith, it builds up our personal strength and our resolve however the initial vision we get from God has to be so ebullient, because between the time of the vision and the time of its fulfilment there will be so much opposition.
We don't praise God because of the pain of the trials but the result of the pain, there is a price to pay for greatness, the more of brokenness in our lives the more God can use us. Some of us cannot associate love with affliction, God's ultimate aim is to make us into the image of His Son. Every now and then He allows a little trouble into our lives for the old man to die and the new man to resurrect!
Every time we go through trials we get a revelation from God, we've got to stay under trial and honour God under it. If we pull out of the process we won't be approved. He concluded by saying that it is nothing but a trial to approve us for the next level and that the wonderful thing is that when the blessings come the gift of the blessing will not change the solidarity of our character. Oh what an awesome night! By this time the atmosphere was fully charged with Gods presence, there was hardly anyone in their seats, there was a bursting forth of rapturous praise!